

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A base station supporting multicast communication,
the base station comprising:

a control signal relay configured to transmit a common control signal to ~~a plurality of~~
mobile stations in a multicast group; and

a response signal relay configured to

receive a predetermined number of response signals to the common control
signal from ~~at least one~~ or more first mobile station stations in the multicast group, ~~the~~
predetermined number of response signals including a maximum of one response
signal from each of the one or more mobile stations,

receive a subsequent response signal to the common control signal from a
second mobile station in the multicast group, the second mobile station not included
in the one or more mobile stations, and the subsequent response signal received after
the predetermined number of response signals,

transfer only the predetermined number of response signals received from the
~~at least one first mobile station~~ or more mobile stations to a controller without waiting
to receive the subsequent response signal, and

retain the subsequent response signal to the common control signal ~~received~~
~~from the second mobile station in the multicast group.~~

Claim 2 (Original): The base station according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined
number is one.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A radio network controller supporting multicast communication, wherein the radio network controller is configured to:

receive a predetermined number of response signals to a common control signal from one or more mobile stations in a multicast group, the predetermined number of response signals including a maximum of one response signal from each of the one or mobile stations;

receive a subsequent response signal to the common control signal from a second mobile station in the multicast group, the second mobile station not included in the one or more mobile stations, and the subsequent response signal received after the predetermined number of response signals; and

~~the radio network controller performs~~ perform a predetermined processing on a only ~~the predetermined number of response signals~~ without performing a predetermined processing on the subsequent response signal, ~~the predetermined number of response signals being transmitted from at least one first mobile station and responding to a control signal for a multicast group; and~~

~~the radio network controller performs processing on only the predetermined number of response signals, and a subsequent response signal is unprocessed by the radio network controller, the subsequent response signal being transmitted from a second mobile station.~~

Claim 5 (Original): The radio network controller according to claim 4, wherein the predetermined number is one.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A base station supporting multicast communication, the base station comprising:

a control signal relay configured to transmit a common control signal to a plurality of mobile stations in a multicast group; and

a response signal relay configured to

receive a predetermined number of response signals to the common control signal from ~~at least one~~ or more first mobile station stations in the multicast group, the predetermined number of response signals including a maximum of one response signal from each of the one or more mobile stations,

receive a subsequent response signal to the common control signal from a second mobile station in the multicast group, the second mobile station not included in the one or more mobile stations, and the subsequent response signal received after the predetermined number of response signals,

process only the predetermined number of response signals received from the ~~at least one first~~ or more mobile station stations to a controller without waiting to receive the subsequent response signal, and

unprocess the subsequent response signal to the common control signal ~~received from the second mobile station in the multicast group.~~